

# Changes Proposed to Hanford's Tri-Party Agreement

- **K Basins Spent Nuclear Fuel Project**
- **Disposition of Hanford Surplus Reactors**



U.S. Department of Energy • U.S. Environmental Protection Agency • Washington State Department of Ecology

## REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The Tri-Party Agencies, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), the Washington State Department of Ecology, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, request your review and comments on two Tri-Party Agreement proposals: 1) K Basins Spent Nuclear Fuel Project, and 2) Disposition of Hanford Surplus Reactors. **The public comment period begins on June 9 and ends July 23, 1997.**

All public comments will be considered and responded to before final decisions are made for each proposal. Because each of these proposals are consistent with existing project schedules and expected funding, public meetings are not currently scheduled. Should substantial public interest indicate a need for such meetings, the Tri-Parties will respond accordingly.

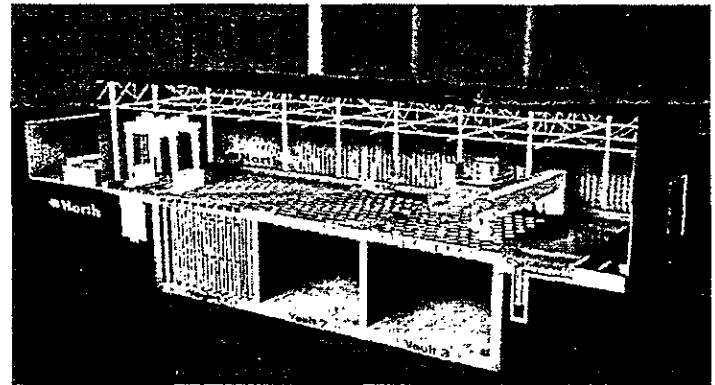
## K BASINS SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL PROJECT

A new or milestone and associated interim milestone and target dates are proposed which will direct ongoing activities leading to the completion of the project to remove 2,100 metric tons of spent nuclear fuel from two basins adjacent to the Columbia River. Milestones also have been proposed

to decontaminate and decommission the basins following completion of the spent fuel project. The facilities will then be transitioned to DOE's Environmental Restoration Project for final disposition.



Spent fuel rods stored in K East Basin are corroding

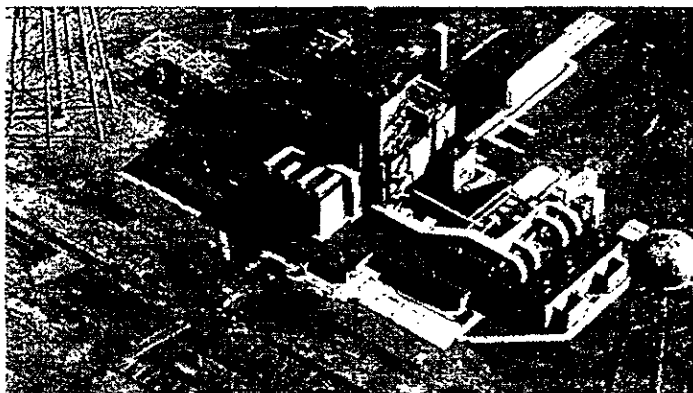


New facility to store spent fuel away from the Columbia River (construction to be completed by September 1997)

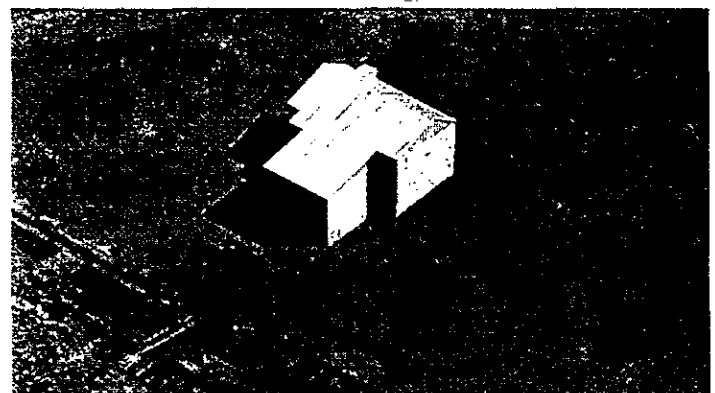
## DISPOSITION OF HANFORD SURPLUS REACTORS

A new major milestone, associated interim milestones, and target dates are proposed for decommissioning and disposition of DOE's nine surplus production reactors located on the

Columbia River. The Tri-Parties also propose several modifications to Section 8.0 of the Tri-Party Agreement, which addresses decommissioning of key Hanford facilities.



C Reactor (prior to interim safe storage)



Interim safe storage of C Reactor in 1998 (Artist Rendering)

## HOW YOU CAN BE INVOLVED:

The proposed modifications and associated information may be reviewed at the public information repositories listed below. A copy of the document is also available electronically on the Internet at the following address:

**[www.hanford.gov](http://www.hanford.gov)**

To request a copy of the proposed modifications and reference documents, or to submit comments either written or electronically, contact:

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